public notice for the proposed change of land use. Keeping in view the objections/ suggestions, the plan was modified which was approved by Delhi Urban Art Commission on 16th Jan, 1990. National Airport Authority also gave its clearance with respect to height zoning.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Proposal from foreign direct investors in housing sector

3092. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spate of proposals has been received from foreign direct investors in huge housing scheme, after the issue of Urban Land Ceiling (Repeal) Ordinance;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the amount;

(c) the investments and number of dwelling units to be constructed thereunder; and

(d) the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) Many multi-national companies have been making enquiries regarding possibility of investing in the housing sector in India. Foreign investment is already permitted to non-residents of Indian nationality/origin and overseas corporate bodies predominantly owned by NRIs/PIOs having atleast 60% of beneficial interest in such bodies in the housing and real estate development sector. However, foreign direct investment (FDI) is not yet permitted in the housing sector.

Plots to slum dwellers registered under housing flat registation plan 1985

3093. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted plots/flats to those persons who were living in slum areas and have registered their names under the Housing Flats Registration Plan, 1985; and

(b) if not, by when the plots/flats would be allotted to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFARIS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) The Slum Department of MCD has reported that 5419 flats have been allotted to the registrants of 1985 scheme. Allotment letters in respect of 1066 flats, for which the draw was held in February 1999, are under issue. Allotment to the remaining registrants depends upon the availability of land.

Controversy over Pappankalan Project

3094. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Pappankalan Project again in controversy" as reported in the Statesman, dated the 8th March, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts and details reported in the news-item;

(c) whether Government propose to have any fresh thought on the construction of multi-storeyed flats in the Dwarka near the airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.